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ARGENTINA: PRESIDENT PERON'S DECISION, ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 28, TO RESCIND RECENTLY NEGOTIATED LABOR CONTRACTS RISKS COMPLETELY ALIENATING THE POWERFUL ARGENTINE LABOR MOVEMENT. IT COULD LEAD TO A RESUMPTION OF THE GENERAL STRIKE THAT OCCURRED ON JUNE 27 AND TO MORE DEMONSTRATIONS. V

IN A STRONGLY WORDED SPEECH, THE PRESIDENT CRITICIZED ORGANIZED LABOR FOR CONTRIBUTING TO DECLINING PRODUCTION AND GROWING INFLATION. INSTEAD OF PAY INCREASES RANGING UP TO 130 PERCENT THAT THE UNIONS HAD RECENTLY WON, MRS. PERON OFFERED WORKERS A 50-PERCENT INCREASE NOW, AND TWO SUBSEQUENT BOOSTS OF 15 PERCENT EACH TO FOLLOW IN OCTOBER AND JANUARY. V

THE DECISION LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE LABOR MINISTER SHORTLY AFTER THE SPEECH. UNION OFFICIALS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL MEET TODAY TO DETERMINE THEIR RESPONSE. V

WAGES ARE ONLY PART OF THE PROBLEM. THE ROLE OF PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT LOPEZ REGA, WHO PROBABLY CONVINCED MRS. PERON TO ANNUL THE CONTRACTS, IS ALSO A SERIOUS ISSUE. THE MILITARY, AS WELL AS LABOR,

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ARE DISTURBED BY HIS APPARENT ROLE IN PERPETUATING THE GOVERNMENT'S IMPASSE WITH LABOR. ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY HAS BEEN HESITANT TO INTERVENE, IT MAY NOW PRESS FOR LOPEZ REGA'S REMOVAL. THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION COULD BRING THE OFFICERS TO PUT ASIDE THEIR FEAR THAT, DEPRIVED OF HER CHIEF AIDE, MRS. PERON MIGHT RESIGN.⁴

THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY RESIGN OR BE FORCED OUT IS DOUBTLESS BEING DISCUSSED IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. A NUMBER OF PERONIST SENATORS HAVE BEEN MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SELECTION OF A NEW SENATE PRESIDENT WHO WOULD BE CONSTITUTIONALLY NEXT IN LINE TO SUCCEED MRS. PERON.⁵

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE POST HAS BEEN LEFT VACANT AT HER INSISTENCE. THE SENATORS REPORTEDLY ARE CONFERRING WITH LABOR LEADERS, WHOSE VIEWS ON A POTENTIAL SUCCESSOR ARE OBVIOUSLY CRUCIAL.

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BRAZIL: BRAZIL'S OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED OPPOSITION PARTY, THE BRAZILIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, IS TRYING TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION BY TAKING HIGHLY NATIONALISTIC POSITIONS ON QUESTIONS OF DOMESTIC INTEREST, THE LATEST BEING THE REPORTED EFFORTS OF THE US TO DELAY

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SIGNING OF BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH WEST GERMANY. OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE IN THIS WAY BEEN ABLE TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND WITH MILITARY CONSERVATIVES.⁴

THEIR EFFORTS COMPLICATE THE BRAZILIAN POLITICAL SCENE, SINCE THE CONSERVATIVE MILITARY OFFICERS PRESSING FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF POLITICAL CONTROLS ON THE OPPOSITION ARE ALSO STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC. OPPOSITION POLITICIANS ARE PROBABLY HOPING TO EXPLOIT THIS AMBIVALENCE TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF A CRACKDOWN.⁴

DURING THE PAST WEEK, ONE OPPOSITION MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE REQUESTED SUPPORT ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA TO DEFEND THE CONTINENT'S TECHNOLOGICAL INTERESTS; ANOTHER SAID PUBLICLY THAT ARGENTINA ALREADY HAD A NUCLEAR DEVICE.⁴

OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS REPORTEDLY ARE ATTEMPTING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE ARMED FORCES BY INTRODUCING A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE BAGES OF ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL. THIS EFFORT MAY BE SHORT-LIVED, HOWEVER; MILITARY CONSERVATIVES HAVE PREPARED A DOCUMENT THAT ACCUSES THE OPPOSITION PARTY OF ATTEMPTING TO DIVIDE THE ARMED FORCES, A CRIME UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.⁴

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THE OPPOSITION PARTY HAS ALSO TAKEN A NATIONALISTIC LINE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN BRAZIL. THESE CORPORATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVESTIGATED BY A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM THE PARTY. *

OPPOSITION LEADERS SEEM TO HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE POLITICAL SYSTEM AS IT IS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. THEIR SUCCESS LAST EALL AT THE POLLS HAS APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED THEM TO WORK FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE. ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ E-2 IMPDET-A

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//A MIXED GROUP OF PATHET LAO TROOPS, AS WELL AS STUDENT AND OTHER CIVILIAN DEMONSTRATORS, STILL OCCUPY THE GROUNDS OF THREE AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS THEY SEIZED EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. THE INSTALLATIONS INCLUDE THE USIS HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN VIETNTIANE, AND THE US EMBASSY'S GENERAL SERVICES COMPOUND AND NEARBY AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AREA ON THE CAPITAL'S OUTSKIRTS. THE USIS INSTALLATION WAS VACATED LAST WEEK, AND ALL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN SAFELY EVACUATED FROM THE OTHER TWO FACILITIES.//4

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// SOUVANNA TOLD THE CHARGE THAT HE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS—WHICH IS ALMOST CERTAINLY TRUE—AND, IN HIS EVER-OPTIMISTIC FASHION, DISMISSED OUT OF HAND THE NOTION THAT THEY REFLECTED THE COALITION'S DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT A TOTAL AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM LAOS.//4

//THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT THIS WEEKEND'S OCCUPATION OF AMERICAN FACILITIES IN VIENTIANE MAY BE A PRELUDE TO A LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE US EMBASSY THAT IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY. SOUVANNA HAS INSTRUCTED SOTH NOT TO PERMIT ANY SUCH DEMONSTRATION, BUT IN ALMOST ALL CASES SOTH TAKES HIS ORDERS FROM PATHET LAO COALITION AUTHORITIES.//4

//AT THE MINIMUM, US OFFICIALS EXPECT DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEES OF ROYAL AIR LAO TO PETITION THE EMBASSY FOR THE SAME KIND OF EXORBITANT SEVERANCE PAY THAT THE AMERICANS WERE RECENTLY FORCED TO SHELL OUT TO FORMER LAO AID WORKERS. THE CHARGE FEELS THAT A VERY TOUGH CONFRONTATION MAY DEVELOP, AND THAT IT COULD PROVIDE THE SPARK FOR A MUCH LARGER OUTPOURING OF ANTI-AMERICAN

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1 //AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF A MAJOR
DEMONSTRATION, THE US CHARGE HAS TEMPORARILY DISPATCHED 19
NONESSENTIAL EMBASSY STAFFERS TO THAILAND, LEAVING ONLY 22
OFFICIAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN VIENTIANE, SOME 57 PRIVATE AMERI-
CAN CITIZENS ALSO REMAIN IN THE LAO CAPITAL. {SECRET}//4

83. //NORTH KOREA-US: ~~SECRET~~ NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA IS, PREDICTABLY, CONDEMNING THE STATEMENTS OF DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD LAST WEEK THAT THE US WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ANOTHER KOREAN WAR. IN A RARE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ISSUED ON JUNE 24, PYONGYANG LABELED THE COMMENTS "NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL" AND STATED THAT THE ATTEMPT TO FRIGHTEN THE KOREAN PEOPLE IS A SIGN OF US VULNERABILITY. THE STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT NORTH KOREA HAS ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF INVADING THE SOUTH. SUBSEQUENT COMMENTARY-BROADCAST IN BOTH ENGLISH AND KOREAN-HAS FOLLOWED THE SAME LINE.//4

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"LEGALIZE" THE US PRESENCE IN KOREA. IT DID NOT REJECT
~~REJECT~~ THE PROPOSAL, AND IT MADE NO MENTION OF THE CONDITION
 THAT A NEW ARMISTICE BE SUBSTITUTED.//4

//A SOVIET DOMESTIC BROADCAST, ALSO OF JUNE 27, NOTES THE STATEMENT OF A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN THAT THE US HAS NOT CHANGED ITS NUCLEAR POLICY, BUT MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO KOREA. NEITHER CHINA NOR THE SOVIET UNION HAS REPLIED NORTH KOREAN COMMENTARY ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION.~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~//4

3. CHINA: ~~REDACTED~~ A FRENCH NEWS AGENCY REPORT FROM PEKING THAT QUOTED A CHINESE POLITBURO MEMBER AS SAYING THAT PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI HAD OFFICIALLY LEFT THE HOSPITAL WAS INCORRECT. THE CHINESE NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THAT CHOU MET PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON IN A HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY.4

MOST OF CHOU'S MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN VISITORS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A HOSPITAL FOR THE PAST YEAR. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS WAS HIS MEETING ON JUNE 26 WITH A VISITING CHINESE-AMERICAN PROFESSOR. A PICTURE OF THE MEETING SHOWED THE TWO MEN OUTDOORS.

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AND THE CHINESE ANNOUNCEMENT DROPPED THE REFERENCE TO THE HOSPITAL. MOST VISITORS HAVE DESCRIBED THE MEETING PLACE AS MORE LIKE A REST HOME OR VILLA THAN A HOSPITAL. 4

PRESIDENT BONGO, MEANWHILE, LEFT CHINA ON SUNDAY WITHOUT MEETING CHAIRMAN MAO. BONGO IS THE FIRST HEAD OF STATE MAO HAS FAILED TO MEET SINCE RETURNING TO PEKING IN APRIL. THE CHAIRMAN HAS MET BONGO BEFORE, AND GABON IS NOT A HIGH-PRIORITY COUNTRY IN CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY. A MORE IMPORTANT CLUE TO MAO'S STATUS-PHYSICAL OR POLITICAL-WILL BE WHETHER HE MEETS THAI PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT, WHO IS VISITING CHINA THIS WEEK TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) 0834

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 4. PORTUGUESE TIMOR: WITH THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS WELL UNDER WAY IN AFRICA, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ PORTUGAL'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS NOW TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO THE SETTLEMENT OF COLONIAL AFFAIRS ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ IN ASIA. 4

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DECOLONIZATION PLAN FOR PORTUGUESE TIMOR WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO OF THE THREE TIMORESE POLITICAL PARTIES. THE MEETING, WHICH IS BEING HELD IN MACAO, WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 15, BUT WAS DELAYED UNTIL SUNDAY BE ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES.⁴

THE PORTUGUESE HAD DIFFICULTY PERSUADING ALL THREE PARTIES TO ATTEND. ONE OF THE GROUPS, A RADICAL MOVEMENT FAVORING IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE FOR TIMOR, IS BOYCOTTING THE TALKS, RATHER THAN SIT DOWN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTY THAT ADVOCATES MERGER WITH INDONESIA.⁴

OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN AT THE TALKS HAVE CAUTIONED NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM THE MEETINGS, BUT THE PORTUGUESE APPEAR DETERMINED TO MOVE AHEAD AND END THEIR ROLE ON THE ISLAND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AFTER THE TALKS HAVE CONCLUDED, THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, WHICH WILL DRAW UP A DECREE-LAW SETTING A TIME SCHEDULE FOR TIMOR'S DECOLONIZATION, ACCORDING TO ROVING AMBASSADOR VITOR ALVES.⁴

THE DISCUSSIONS ARE BASED ON A STUDY DRAWN UP BY PORTUGAL

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AND SUBMITTED TO TIMOR'S THREE POLITICAL PARTIES. THE PROPOSALS HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, BUT PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS FOR TIMOR WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT IN OTHER PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES. ACCORDING TO TIMORESE DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE, THIS INCLUDES THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND ELECTIONS FOR A POPULAR ASSEMBLY IN 1976.4

THE PORTUGUESE ARE ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE PROCESS AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE AND WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO SATISFY THOSE WHO FAVOR INDEPENDENCE, AND AT THE SAME TIME TRY TO AVOID ~~WELL~~ OFFENDING THE INDONESIANS. THE LATTER HAVE MADE NO SECRET OF THEIR DESIRE TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY. THE PORTUGUESE MAY LOOK TO A POPULAR REFERENDUM AS THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE THE DILEMMA.4

THE INDONESIANS HAVE ASSUMED A MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE ABOUT TIMOR IN RECENT WEEKS AND NOW ARE APPARENTLY CONVINCED THAT THEY WILL EVENTUALLY GAIN CONTROL OF THE ISLAND. INDONESIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS ARE PRESUMABLY ~~KEEPING~~ CLOSE TABS ON THE

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MACAO MEETINGS.

THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WILL ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS STAY IN MACAO TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT POLITICAL STATUTE FOR THAT ISLAND WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. THE STATUTE IS EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN THE PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION OF MACAO, BUT WILL PROBABLY ALLOW GREATER AUTONOMY IN LOCAL MATTERS. THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO HAS INDICATED THAT A LOCAL POLICE COMMAND WILL REPLACE PORTUGUESE ARMY UNITS AND A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WILL BE ELECTED. 4

IN DEFERENCE TO PEKING'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO, PORTUGAL HAS NOT GIVEN MACAO THE OPTION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT HAS BEEN GRANTED TO ALL THE OTHER TERRITORIES. PORTUGAL IS ANXIOUS TO CURRY CHINA'S FAVOR, IN HOPES OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THUS FAR, THE CHINESE HAVE REMAINED ALOOF, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN LIMITED CONTACT THROUGH THIRD-PARTY INTERMEDIARIES. THE CHINESE WILL PROBABLY REMAIN AT A DISTANCE UNTIL THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT PORTUGAL WILL NOT FALL INTO THE SOVIET ORBIT.

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'EUROPEAN BRIEF 100-75.4

1. PORTUGAL: PORTUGAL'S LEADERS HAVE ANNOUNCED A STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION OF THE RULING ARMED FORCES REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THE CHANGES SEEM DESIGNED, AT LEAST IN PART, TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY. IT IS TOO SOON TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CHANGES WILL AFFECT THE POWER BALANCE BETWEEN MODERATES AND RADICALS.4

AFTER A NIGHT-LONG SESSION, THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ISSUED A STATEMENT EARLY ON SATURDAY SAYING IT WILL CREATE A CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WITH SUBORDINATE POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES. GENERAL POLICY LINES WILL STILL BE DECIDED BY THE FULL COUNCIL, BUT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL MAKE DECISIONS ON CURRENT MATTERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BODIES.4

THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH IS TO HANDLE DAY-TO-DAY COUNCIL BUSINESS, IS COMPOSED OF 11 SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES, SECURITY CHIEF OTELO DE CARVALHO, AND ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO

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WILL BE JOINED ON THE COMMITTEE BY THE CHIEFS OF THE GENERAL STAFFS OF THE THREE MILITARY BRANCHES. THE FOUR OTHERS, WHO WILL ALSO BE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, WERE NOT NAMED. 4

THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES, AS WELL AS WITH UNIONS AND "MASS ORGANIZATIONS." THE COUNCIL STATEMENT DOES NOT DISCUSS THE FUNCTIONS OR LIST THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES. 4

THE COUNCIL STATEMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED APPROVAL OF TWO DECREE LAWS—ONE CREATING A JUDICIAL POLICE SERVICE UNDER THE COUNCIL'S SUPERVISION, AND ANOTHER ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR A REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY TRIBUNAL TO JUDGE THOSE IMPLICATED IN THE COUP ATTEMPT OF MARCH 11. THE OPENING OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS SET FOR JULY 8. 4

ANOTHER DECREE LAW PROMALGATED RECENTLY PROHIBITS MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT FROM MAKING STATEMENTS IN DISAGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY AND REQUIRES ANY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPROVAL BEFORE TRAVELING OUTSIDE

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THE COUNTRY. THESE MEASURES APPEAR DIRECTED AGAINST SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER MARIO SOARES, WHO HAS CONDUCTED A PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR HIS PARTY. 4

THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS ALSO APPROVED A DECREE LAW PROVIDING SANCTIONS AGAINST MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO DISCORD WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES, COMMIT OR ENCOURAGE ACTS OF VIOLENCE, OR DISRUPT PUBLIC ORDER. THIS LAW MOST PROBABLY IS AIMED NOT ONLY AT COMBATING INDISCIPLINE IN THE ARMED FORCES, BUT ALSO AT CERTAIN MILITARY UNITS WHICH HAVE SHOWN SYMPATHY WITH RADICAL LEFTIST GROUPS. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

2. CEMA: ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL ISSUES DOMINATED THE 29TH CEMA MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BUDAPEST FROM JUNE 24 TO 26.4

THE EAST EUROPEANS, WHO HAVE BEEN HARD HIT BY WESTERN INFLATION AND SOVIET PRICE HIKES, WERE CLEARLY SEEKING ASSURANCES ON FUTURE SOVIET RAW MATERIAL DELIVERIES. HUNGARIAN PREMIER LAZAR SAID BUDAPEST IS EXPECTING "MUCH ASSISTANCE" FROM MOSCOW FOR FUEL AND POWER SUPPLIES. IN

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APPARENT RESPONSE, KOSYGIN SAID MOSCOW IS PROVIDING EASTERN EUROPE WITH ADDITIONAL RAW MATERIALS AND IMPLIED THAT INCREASING INVESTMENTS IN THIS FIELD WOULD BENEFIT ITS ALLIES.⁴

THE PARTICIPANTS FORMALLY ENDORSED A SO-CALLED CEMA "MULTILATERAL INTEGRATION PLAN" FOR TEN JOINT INVESTMENT PROJECTS DURING 1976-80 AT A COST OF \$13 BILLION. MANY OF THE VENTURES IN THE "PLAN" ALREADY ARE IN PROGRESS, AND NO NEW PROJECTS WERE ANNOUNCED. KOSYGIN'S CONTENTION THAT MULTILATERAL PLANS DO NOT CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUGGESTS THAT THERE WAS CONTROVERSY AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS ON THIS SUBJECT.⁴

A BLAND COMMUNIQUE MASKED ANY SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES. IT WAS SILENT ON CEMA'S NEXT MOVE TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH THE EC, NOTING ONLY THAT "OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" HAD A "GROWING INTEREST" IN TIES WITH CEMA. THE DOCUMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CLOSER COORDINATION OF NATIONAL FIVE-YEAR PLANS THAT BEGIN IN 1976 CONTINUES TO ENCOUNTER "PROBLEMS."⁴

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THE LEGAL UNDERPINNINGS OF CEMA AUTHORITY, A SUBJECT THAT UNDOUBTEDLY SPARKED CONTROVERSY. THE ROMANIANS WOULD BE CERTAIN TO RESIST ANY LANGUAGE THAT IN THEIR VIEW GIVES CEMA OR ITS ORGANS SUPRA-NATIONAL AUTHORITY. 4

FOLLOWING THE BUDAPEST SESSION, CEMA SECRETARY FADEYEV STRESSED THE FAMILIAR THEME OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OPENNESS AND SAID THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE IN JULY OF IRAQI PARTICIPATION IN SOME JOINT PROJECTS. HE ALSO SAID THAT AN ACCORD WITH MEXICO IS EXPECTED IN THE "NEAR FUTURE" AND THAT COLOMBIA HAS INQUIRED ABOUT COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

3. USSR: A JUNE 1975 REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW NAMES A NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT THE INSTITUTE OF THE USA AND CANADA--RADOMIR GEORGIYEVICH BOGDANOV. HE HAS APPARENTLY ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR "INTERNAL AFFAIRS." THE 48-YEAR-OLD BOGDANOV HAS PUBLICLY BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE AT LEAST 1953, TWICE SERVING

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IN INDIA {1957-59, AND 0381962-67}. DURING HIS LAST TOUR THERE, HE ROSE QUICKLY IN RANK FROM SECOND SECRETARY IN 1962 TO COUNSELOR IN 1964. BOGDANOV'S WHEREABOUTS HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED SINCE 1967.4

//BOGDANOV, A KNOWN KGB OFFICIAL, WAS CITED IN JOHN BARRON'S BOOK ON THE KGB {1974} IN THE LIST OF SOVIET CITIZENS SAID TO BE ENGAGED IN CLandestine OPERATIONS.// THE OTHER TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS, VITALIY ZHURKIN AND YEVGENIY SHERSHNEV, OVERSEE MILITARY-POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, RESPECTIVELY. {SECRET} E-2 IMPDET-H

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1. INDIA: PRIME MINISTER GANDHI APPARENTLY HAS ENCOUNTERED ~~RESISTANCE~~ LITTLE PUBLIC RESISTANCE SO FAR IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY SHE DECREED ON THURSDAY.4

THERE WERE SOME MINOR OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE BUT NO SERIOUS DISTURBANCES OVER THE WEEKEND. AS PRESS CENSORSHIP BECOMES MORE EFFICIENT, IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, THOUGH RURAL AREAS ARE TRADITIONALLY LESS VOLATILE THAN THE CITIES.4

A GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT—A GANDHI APPOINTEE—HAD RESIGNED.4

MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES SAY THEY WILL PROCEED WITH THEIR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK, BUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF ARRESTS IS EXPECTED TO KEEP PARTICIPATION LOW. MOREOVER, PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE EMERGENCY CANNOT APPEAL TO THE COURTS FOR RELEASE. THIS NEW PROHIBITION, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, IS CERTAIN TO DISCOURAGE DISSENTERS. WELL OVER 1,000 PERSONS HAVE ~~DISSENTED~~

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BEEN ARRESTED SINCE THURSDAY, AND THE OPPOSITION LEADERS
 STILL AT LARGE PROBABLY HAVE GONE UNDERGROUND. 4

5 CABINET MEMBERS ARE NOW TAKING MORE VISIBLE ROLES IN
 ADMINISTERING THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS. A SPECIAL COMMITTEE
 CONSISTING OF THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE, DEFENSE, INTERIOR,
 AND LAW HAS BEEN FORMED TO REVIEW THE SITUATION ON A DAILY BASIS.
 FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN ANNOUNCED THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT
 CHANGES IN FOREIGN POLICY. AGRICULTURE MINISTER RAM ASSURED
 THE PUBLIC THAT THE FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION WAS IMPROVING. 4

RULING CONGRESS PARTY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE SENT TO THEIR
 DISTRICTS DURING THE WEEKEND TO EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S
 ACTIONS AND TO HELP ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR MRS. GANDHI. THEY
 WILL CONVENE IN NEW DELHI ON TUESDAY TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS. 4

THE EDUCATED CLASSES PROBABLY ARE INCLINED TO DISBELIEVE
 MRS. GANDHI'S ARGUMENT THAT INDIAN DEMOCRACY WAS IMPERILED BY
 EXTREMISTS. STUDENTS, IN PARTICULAR, ARE LIKELY TO DISCOUNT HER
 CONSPIRACY RATIONALE AND WILL PROBABLY TRY TO ORGANIZE RESISTANCE
 IN COMING WEEKS. THE LOWER CLASSES, HOWEVER, PROBABLY ARE AMBIVALENT

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ABOUT MRS. GANDHI'S ACTIONS AND WILL LOOK FOR RESULTS FROM HER PROMISE ON FRIDAY TO INTRODUCE ECONOMIC MEASURES SOON TO ALLEVIATE THE HARSHIPS OF THE POOR.⁴

IN A FOLLOW-UP TO THIS PROMISE, MRS. GANDHI HAS ORDERED PRICE CONTROLS ON ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES. THESE CONTROLS ARE PROBABLY AN ATTEMPT TO RETARD THE SEASONAL ROUND OF PRICE INCREASES THAT NORMALLY BEGIN AT THIS TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE MONSOONS SET IN AND FOOD STOCKS BEGIN TO RUN LOW. IN THE NEAR TERM, THE PROGRAM IS NOT LIKELY TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE, SINCE IT DEPENDS ONLY ON LOCAL LEADERS TO ASSURE THAT SHOPKEEPERS COMPLY. NO FORMAL PRICE ADMINISTRATION MACHINERY HAS BEEN SET UP.⁴

IF THE SITUATION REMAINS CALM IN JULY, MRS. GANDHI REPORTEDLY PLANS TO RECONVENE PARLIAMENT IN EARLY AUGUST TO RATIFY THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE PROCLAMATION.

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2. USSR-INDIA: MOSCOW HAS COME OUT FIRMLY ON THE SIDE OF PRIME MINISTER GANDHI IN THE PRESENT CRISIS IN INDIA. ON JUNE 27,

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PRAVDA PUBLISHED THE FULL TEXT OF GANDHI'S EMERGENCY DECREE,
 COMMENTING THAT IT WAS NEEDED TO DEFEND INDIA AGAINST REACTIONARIES.⁴

THE SOVIET UNION'S OPEN SUPPORT OF GANDHI IS HARDLY SURPRISING.
 THE SOVIETS PROBABLY EXPECT THAT SHE CAN CARRY OFF HER POLITICAL
 GAMBLE, AND THEY ALMOST CERTAINLY REGARD HER AS MORE FRIENDLY THAN
 ANY LIKELY SUCCESSOR. THE SOVIETS MAY HOPE THAT GANDHI'S PRESENT
 PROBLEMS WILL FORCE HER TO BECOME MORE DEPENDENT BOTH ON PRO-SOVIET
 ELEMENTS WITHIN THE RULING CONGRESS PARTY AND ON THE MOSCOW-
 ORIENTED INDIAN COMMUNISTS.⁴

JUDGING FROM SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS, MOSCOW
 IS DETERMINED TO HEAD OFF WHAT IT FORESEES WILL BE A MAJOR EFFORT
 BY CHINA TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE IN THE POST - INDOCHINA WAR
 PERIOD. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SOVIETS WILL DO WHAT THEY
 CAN TO ESTABLISH EVEN CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THEIR FRIENDS IN ASIA.
 MOSCOE REGARDS NEW DELHI AS AN IMPORTANT COUNTERWEIGHT TO CHINA AND
 THUS SEES THE SITUATION IN INDIA AS A POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO UNDER-
 CUT CHINESE POLICY BY STRENGTHENING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN NEW DELHI.

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3. LEBANON: PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE RASHID KARAMI TOLD NEWSMEN ON SUNDAY THAT HE HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH LEBANON'S POLITICAL LEADERS ON HOW TO FORM A NEW CABINET, AND HAS "HIGH HOPES" THAT HE CAN ANNOUNCE ITS COMPOSITION ~~MONDAY~~ MONDAY. KARAMI ISSUED HIS STATEMENT AFTER AN UNPLANNED SIX-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH.⁴

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, LEBANESE ARMY UNITS LATE SUNDAY BEGAN GUARDING IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS IN BEIRUT. ANY USE OF THE ARMY TO END THE CURRENT FIGHTING HAS UNTIL NOW BEEN OPPOSED BY KARAMI, WHO REPRESENTS MUSLIM AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, PALESTINIAN AND SYRIAN INTERESTS. KARAMI, THIS WEEKEND, WAS AT THE POINT OF GIVING UP HIS MONTH-LONG EFFORT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, AND MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT HE HAD TO ACQUIESCE IN SOME—PERHAPS ONLY TOKEN—ARMY INVOLVEMENT IN RETURN FOR POLITICAL CONCESSIONS BY FRANJIYAH.⁴

FOR HIS PART, FRANJIYAH MAY HAVE ACCEPTED KARAMI'S PROPOSAL THAT HE ESTABLISH A SMALL, ~~NON~~"NON-POLITICAL" CABINET THAT WOULD EXCLUDE CURRENT LEADERS OF BOTH THE RIGHT-WING

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PHALANGES PARTY AND THE LEFT-WING PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY. FRANJIYAH HAS UNTIL NOW SUPPORTED THE PHALANGISTS IN THEIR DEMAND THAT THEY BE INCLUDED IN ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT.⁴

MUSLIM AND LEFTIST LEADERS MET IN STRATEGY SESSIONS OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT ABANDON THEIR DEMAND FOR A NON-POLITICAL CABINET, BUT PROBABLY DID DECIDE THEY COULD AGREE THAT IT SERVE ONLY A SHORT TIME BEFORE BEING EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL POLITICAL FACTIONS. THIS, IN THEIR VIEW, WOULD BE A CONCESSION TO THE PHALANGISTS, AND WOULD ALLOW PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE JUMAYYIL TO STAY OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND STILL CLAIM SOMETHING OF A VICTORY.⁴

JUMAYYIL TOLD REPORTERS AS RECENTLY AS SATURDAY THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH A SOLUTION. HIS PARTY IS NOT NOW IN A STRONG MILITARY OR POLITICAL POSITION, HOWEVER, AND HE PROBABLY WOULD ACCEPT SOME SUCH FORMULA IF FRANJIYAH AND CAMILLE SHAMUN, LEADER OF THE OTHER LARGE PREDOMINANTLY CHRISTIAN POLITICAL PARTY, THREATENED TO WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORT.⁴

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KARAMI AND FRANJIYAH WERE PUSHED TOWARD A COMPROMISE BY THE CONTINUED DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN BEIRUT. FIGHTING IN THE CITY SPREAD OVER THE WEEKEND FROM THE SUBURBS TOWARD THE MAIN TOURIST AND COMMERCIAL AREAS. ALL ROADS LEADING INTO THE CITY WERE CLOSED SUNDAY MORNING, AND THE POLICE-IN THEIR MOST OMINOUS REPORT SINCE THE TROUBLES BEGAN LAST APRIL-APPEALED TO RESIDENTS OF ALL AREAS TO REMAIN INDOORS.⁴

VIOLENCE HAS ALSO SPREAD OUTSIDE BEIRUT. ARMED LEFTIST AND MUSLIM GROUPS HAVE EFFECTIVELY SHUT DOWN THE SOUTHERN PORT CITIES OF TYRE AND SIDON, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL BOMBINGS IN THE NORTHERN PORT OF TRIPOLI, AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED IN THE EASTERN TOWN OF BAALBEK.⁴

THE LEADER OF LEBANON'S SIZABLE SHIA MUSLIM COMMUNITY-WHO, LIKE KARAMI, FAVORS A NON-POLITICAL CABINET-LAST FRIDAY BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE AS PART OF A PROTEST AGAINST THE CONTINUING CIVIL DISORDER. HE HAS ONLY LIMITED POLITICAL POWER OUTSIDE HIS OWN RELIGIOUS GROUP, BUT HIS FOLLOWERS FORM A SIGNIFICANT

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PROPORTION OF BEIRUT'S POORER SUBURBAN POPULATION AND COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE THE SECURITY SITUATION IF THEY WERE TO BECOME SERIOUSLY DISAFFECTED AND INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING.4

THE LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES HAVE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN CHECKING THE SPREADING VIOLENCE, OR IN THEIR MORE LIMITED EFFORT TO ERADICATE THE RADICAL LEFTIST AND FEDAYEEN STRONGHOLD IN THE SHIYAH DISTRICT IN BEIRUT. GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO LEAVE THE RELATIVE SECURITY OF THEIR ARMORED VEHICLES TO FLUSH OUT SNIPERS, PREFERMING INSTEAD TO DISLODGE THEM WITH HEAVY WEAPONS. THIS HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE, AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, AND DISAFFECTION WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE SECURITY SERVICE. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE RADICALS WANT, AND PROBABLY PLAYED A PART IN PROMPTING FRANJIYAH AND KARAMI TO PAPER OVER THEIR DIFFERENCES.4

FATAH AND SAQQA, THE TWO LARGEST FEDAYEEN GROUPS, HAVE REMAINED ON THE SIDELINES, ALTHOUGH FATAH CHIEF YASIR ARAFAT HAS BEEN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM HIS LEFT-WING FOLLOWERS

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TO BECOME INVOLVED. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, PROBABLY
OVERDRAWN, ARAFAT'S POLICY OF NEUTRALITY THIS WEEKEND CAUSED
A "NEAR MUTINY" WITHIN FEDAYEEN RANKS.⁴

SUNDAY MORNING, PALESTINIAN LEADERS WERE STILL MEETING IN STRATEGY SESSIONS WITH LEBANESE OFFICIALS, AND PALESTINIAN FORCES WERE CONTINUING TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE LEBANESE SECURITY SERVICES IN JOINT PATROLS OF THE EMBATTLED AREAS. IF THE FEDAYEEN STAY OUT OF THE FIGHTING, DESPITE THE PROVOCATION THEY WILL SEE IN ANY ARMY INVOLVEMENT, AND IF KARAMI IS ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT MONDAY, THE SECURITY SITUATION SHOULD IMPROVE DRAMATICALLY. FIGHTING DIMINISHED SHARPLY EVEN WHEN THE UNPOPULAR MILITARY CABINET WAS ANNOUNCED LATE LAST MONTH. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

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5. //BAHRAIN: BAHRAIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER HAS INFORMED THE US AMBASSADOR IN MANAMA THAT THE US NAVY'S MIDDLE EAST FORCE MUST LEAVE THE PERSIAN GULF ISLAND BY JUNE 30, 1977. BAHRAIN WILL EXTEND THE STATIONING AGREEMENT UNTIL THAT TIME ON THE BASIS OF UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN RECENT TALKS.//Y

//THE ROYAL FAMILY IN BAHRAIN HAS LONG FELT THAT THE US NAVAL FORCE REINFORCED THE REGIME'S POSITION BY ADDING TO THE SECURITY OF THE ISLAND. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS COME UNDER PRESSURE, BOTH FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND FROM NEIGHBORING GULF STATES, TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT.//Y

//BAHRAIN'S DECISION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SPARKED, IN PART, BY PROPOSALS CIRCULATING IN THE GULF REGION FOR SOME KIND OF SECURITY PACT. THE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN ACCCOMPANIED BY STATEMENTS FROM REGIONAL LEADERS OPPOSING THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN POWERS IN THE AREA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH HIS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ANY SUCH PACT TO BE YEARS AWAY, IT WISHES TO STRENGTHEN BAHRAIN'S NATIONALIST CREDITIALS FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES. {SECRET}//Y E3-2 IMPDET-H

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